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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: REQUEST FOR JURISDICTION
SANTA ANITA CANYON ROAD FROM 125 FEET NORTHERLY OF
ARNO DRIVE TO 4,600 FEET NORTHERLY OF ARNO DRIVE
CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt the resolution declaring Santa Anita Canyon Road to be a part of the County System of Highways for the limited purpose of performing road resurfacing and construction of concrete barriers and guardrails in the City of Sierra Madre.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt the resolution declaring Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive, within the City of Sierra Madre, to be a part of the County System of Highways.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is for the County of Los Angeles (County) to obtain jurisdiction of Santa Anita Canyon Road in order to administer a future roadway improvement project in the City of Sierra Madre.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). By improving Santa Anita Canyon Road, residents of the City of Sierra Madre, nearby cities and the unincorporated County communities who travel this road will benefit, and their quality of life will be improved.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund

Your Board's adoption of the attached resolution will not directly result in any fiscal impact on the County. We will submit the project to your Board for approval to advertise a construction contract for the road improvements at a later date.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Sections 1700-1702 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, declare any highway in the county lying in whole or in part within a city to be a county highway for certain purposes, including improvement. The governing body of the affected city may consent to the relevant portion of the highway within its jurisdiction being included as a part of the county highway system. Thereafter, the Board of Supervisors of the county may acquire right of way, construct, maintain, improve, or repair such highway in the same manner as other county highways.

The attached resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This road improvement project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) and Section 15303 of the CEQA guidelines and Class 1(x), Subsections 2, 14, 17, and 22 and Class 3(h) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for resurfacing and reconstruction of roadway pavement, installation of guardrails, maintenance of existing roadway facilities, and construction retaining walls.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The request for jurisdiction of this section of Santa Anita Canyon Road does not have an impact on current services. The road improvement project is tentatively scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in summer 2008, pending the City's consent to jurisdiction and the County obtaining the necessary Federal and State approvals for use of Federal transportation funds that have been earmarked for improvements to this road.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and two certified copies of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAMS T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

WTF:DDE
SA:sc

Attachment

c: County Counsel

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SANTA ANITA CANYON ROAD, FROM 125 FEET
NORTHERLY OF ARNO DRIVE TO 4,600 FEET NORTHERLY OF ARNO DRIVE,
WITHIN THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, TO BE A PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM
OF HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, by reason of its location and travel thereon, Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive, within the City of Sierra Madre (City), in the County of Los Angeles (County), State of California, should be a part of the County System of Highways, for the limited purpose of performing road resurfacing and construction of concrete barriers and guardrails; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Board of Supervisors of said County to cause construction of the above-stated improvements and perform appurtenant work thereon provided the consent of the governing body of the City shall first be given by means of adopting the attached resolution by the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, California, consenting to the establishment of Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive, within said City, as part of the County System of Highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive, within the City of Sierra Madre, is hereby declared to be a part of the System of Highways of said County as provided in Sections 1700 and 1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California for the purpose of authorizing construction of the aforementioned work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that the County agrees:

- (a) That the County shall not be responsible for any damage or liability occurring by reason of any roadway condition on the aforementioned street, within the City, existing prior to the start of road construction by the County or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction.
- (b) That the work to be performed by the County shall not include roadway maintenance activities on Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive, within the City, prior to the start of road construction by the County or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction.
- (c) That the County authorizes the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to assign to the City all of its right, title and interest in any unexpired portion of the one year warranty granted to the County by the construction contractor performing the Road Work. This assignment is effective following completion of construction of the Road Work and upon field acceptance of said construction by the County.

The foregoing Resolution was on the day 6th of MAY, 2008, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By 
Deputy

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF SANTA ANITA CANYON ROAD, FROM 125 FEET NORTHERLY OF ARNO
DRIVE TO 4,600 FEET NORTHERLY OF ARNO DRIVE, WITHIN SAID CITY,
AS PART OF THE SYSTEM OF
HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County) Board of Supervisors on _____, 2008, duly adopted a resolution declaring Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive, within the City of Sierra Madre (City), to be a part of the County System of Highways for the purpose of performing road resurfacing and construction of concrete barriers and guardrails at the aforementioned location, as provided in Sections 1700 to 1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Supervisors by said resolution requested this Council to give its consent to allow the County to perform road improvement work at Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive (Road Work), within the City of Sierra Madre; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to perform the Road Work, provided the consent of the governing body of the City shall first be given under the terms herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Consent to Inclusion in County Highway System – This City Council does hereby consent to include Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive as part of the System of Highways of the County of Los Angeles as provided in the Sections 1700 to 1704 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, for the limited purpose of performing road resurfacing and construction of concrete barriers and guardrails at this location.

SECTION 2. Indemnification – That the City shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless in connection with any and all claims, liability, injury (as defined by Government Code Section 810.8) or damage relating to Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive that is not caused by County's Road Work.

SECTION 3. Roadway Maintenance – The City will remain the owner of the Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive and remain responsible for all roadway maintenance activities on Santa Anita Canyon Road from 125 feet northerly of Arno Drive to 4,600 feet northerly of Arno Drive prior to the start of construction by the County or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction. Following completion of construction and

County's field acceptance of the Road Work, the City accepts ownership and full responsibility for all roadway maintenance, including relating to the Road Work.

SECTION 4. Environmental Documentation – The City does hereby consent to adopt and concurs with the environmental findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act that has been adopted by the County in connection with the Road Work.

SECTION 5. Warranty for Road Work – The County will assign to the City all of its right, title, and interest to the unlapsed portion of a one-year warranty granted to the County by the construction contractor performing the Road Work following completion of construction of the Road Work and field acceptance of said construction by County. The City agrees to accept said assignment as its sole remedy against the County in connection with defects relating to said Road Work.